constructed every year. During the financial year 2005-06, 15.52 lakh houses were constructed against the target of 14.41 lakh houses. During the financial year 2006-07, 14.98 lakh houses were constructed against the target of 15.33 lakh houses. Hence, 30.50 lakh houses have already been constructed during the first two years of the Bharat Nirman Programme period. Further, for the current financial year 2007-08, Rs. 4032.70 crore have been allocated to the States/ DRDA under IAY for construction of 21.27 lakh houses. Against this target, 7.60 lakh houses have already been constructed as per the reports received from the State Governments so far.

Extension of REGS

979. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme to the whole country;

(b) if so, the likely increase in expenditure for the current financial year;

(c) whether Government has arranged for additional funds for the purpose;

(d) the number of persons registered till 31.10.2007 under the scheme and those provided employment till that date, state-wise; and

(e) the expenditure incurred under the scheme during this financial year till 31.10.2007; state-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) Yes, Sir. Government has decided to extend NREGA to all the remaining rural districts in the country from the next financial year *i.e.* from 1.4.2008. A notification to this effect has been issued on 28.9.2007.

(b) As the additional districts are to be covered under the Act with effect from 1.4.2008, no increase in the expenditure for the current financial year is envisaged.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) State-wise data regarding number of households registered, number of households provided employment and expenditure incurred till 31.10.2007 is given in the Statement.

Statement

Number of Households issued jobcard, provided employment and expenditure till 31.10.2007.

Sl. No.	States	No. of households issued job card till 31.10.2007	No. of households provided employment	Expenditure till 31.10.2007 (Rs. in lakhs)
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Andhra Pradesh	7669999	3222291	93478.79
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	0	0	0
3.	Assam	1030226	578578	14117.59
4.	Bihar	5691734	1830373	29166.61
5.	Gujarat	784065	173535	4743.26

1	2	3	4	5
6.	Haryana	144312	37416	1793.29
7.	Himachal Pradesh	288668	124490	4112.97
8.	Jammu and Kashmir	182787	47358	219.01
9.	Karnataka	1353412	260746	12607.85
10.	Kerala	1350937	115517	3336.28
11.	Madhya Pradesh	7041073	2927813	125464.48
12.	Maharashtra	2817476	164124	647.41
13.	Manipur	71941	7543	951.77
14.	Meghalaya	112973	86729	2109.92
15.	Mizoram	79455	68549	2029.99
16.	Nagaland	27884	21836	289.8
17.	Orissa	3508908	564366	24234.74
18.	Punjab	87093	11113	545.3
19.	Rajasthan	2683013	1819476	70451.56
20.	Sikkim	20992	5967	284.98
21.	Tamil Nadu	1755491	755475	36866.43
22.	Tripura	462744	398882	9251.63
23.	Uttar Pradesh	6434969	2468934	45418.8
24.	West Bengal	7694424	3183808	18818.31
25.	Chhattisgarh	2764805	1281986	36412.33
26.	Jharkhand	2683628	882314	39193.55
27.	Uttaranchal	261550	95218	3197.42
	TOTAL:	**57004559**	**21134437**	**579744.0791**

Dismal State of Rural Infrastructure

980. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether over a decade after the introduction of economic reforms, the scenario on the rural infrastructure front continues to be dismal as there is no substantial decrease in the number of poor people despite a plethora of rural development schemes launched by Government;

(b) whether rural infrastructure report of the National Council of Applied Economic Research has pointed that 40 percent of the villages are still without a road link;

(c) what are the other main points in the report; and